

is carried in iterative methods to see whether, proceeding from preceding iteration steps, [edges grouped together [sic],] [...] a sum of the weighting values of [the] edges grouped together [...] a sum value] lies between a first threshold and a second threshold by adding a further edge. When this is the case, then a further check is carried out to see whether a plurality of terminals of the elements within the partition to elements outside the partition is increased by adding new edges. When this is not the case, then the respective edge is also incorporated into the partition.

#### REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the specification and claims under Article 41 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty place the application into a form for prosecution before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. §371 by reorganizing certain passages, correcting idiomatically incorrect passages and conforming the specification and claims. It is believed that no new matter has been entered. Accordingly, entry of these amendments before examination on the merits is hereby requested.

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